Elgin 2010 Committee - Minutes
Elgin School District Office - Jan. 16, 1995

Attendance: Raymond and Vanetta McVey, LaVeta Botz, Olga Grant, Maureen Smolkowski, Ron Brand, Bill and Margaret Oberteuffer, Bob Dawes, Christine McLaughlin, Jack and Judy Johnson, Joe Garlitz, Patrick and Beth McMullen, Mary Rose Nichols, Gary Hathaway, and Kevin Cooper

The meeting started at 7:01 pm with a review and approval of the minutes from Jan. 2. Gary Hathaway discussed actions on the Hunaha Park Project. Gary, Kevin, Joe, Kyle Bolen (City Public Works Director), and Bob Ottersberg (soil scientist) dug test holes at the park site. Groundwater was found about three feet below the ground at the west side of the park. The soil had large quantities of wood that had not decomposed since they were placed there. The committee expressed some over possible diesel or oil in the soil from the log yard. Gary reported that the soil scientist did not recommend toxicity tests on the soil. After some discussion, the committee decided to have the soil tested. Gary said the next step would be to get an engineering classification for the soil. Gary also provided maps and names of land owners surrounding the park where trails might be built. Joe reported that a survey had not been performed but that the marker on the bridge was ten feet above the 100 year flood plain. A survey will be done at a later time. Several other pieces of information were discussed including building a submarine type monitoring station that could be lifted out of the water.

The committee decided if the soil tests were OK then Gary should proceed with the plan, otherwise he will bring back the results of the test to the committee. Gary recommended that some good topsoil be brought in because trees on the site were having a hard time growing. The committee was reminded that funding would need to be tied in with river restoration. Christine suggested we consider we add the fish trap site into the second phase which might include a state park. Both Gary and the committee agreed on this idea. Vanetta reported she was working on copying diaries which documented Elgin's history at the turn of the century. These educational and historical components could be added to the project. Gary will report back on Feb. 20, 1995.

Christine reported that a meeting with Cycle Oregon would be held on Saturday Jan. 28, 1995 at 2:00 pm at the Hen House. Bill Oberteuffer invited 2010 members to a forum on Ecosystem Management. The meeting will be at the community center on Jan. 31, 1995 and will begin at 7:00 pm. A video on ecosystem management will be held which will be followed by a panel discussion of local experts and a question and answer session.

Maureen reported that the grant for developing a social service network had been approved by the Union County Commission on

Children and Families. The grant would be used to develop a family resource center. Colleen McDonald will be working on this project. Peggy Delany, Manager of the Elgin Family Medical Clinic has agreed to help out with some financing on the project. Another grant will also be applied for to provide emotional counseling. The committee working on this project will be meeting later in the week to discuss several items including changing the name of the committee. There are also funds available to hire a consultant and Mary Rose asked if it would be appropriate if she provided those services. There was consensus that this would be acceptable. Maureen read from a list of possible program target populations, program ideas, and potential partners.

Kevin reported that the Business Visitation Program had received good support from the Elgin Chamber but none of them volunteered to be on a team. He will be meeting with two professional people later this week to recruit volunteers.

The Riverfest Committee reported that their first meeting of the year was held last week and would be meeting again next week. The date for Riverfest was set for ~~Jan.~~ June 17 & 18, 1995. Maureen reported that a $800 grant had been applied for that would help pay for several parts of this year's events. Maureen reported that Safeway ~~,~~ in Gilberts no longer had tents for rent but that a tent in Enterprise was available for $25. There will be more events for kids and alumni this year planned. There are also plans for river floating trips. Riverfest will elect a chairman at their next meeting.

Joe announced the chamber had accepted 2010's request to present our strategic plan at this year's chamber banquet. Joe suggested the program should last no longer than 45 minutes. He also suggested we work on getting visual aids and other presentation material for the presentation. Ray, Maureen, Ron, and Joe will divide up section of the plan and assign people parts of the plan to present.

Ron suggested we form an economic development committee to concentrate on the economic development components of the plan. Kevin, Ron, Joe, Jack, and Judy volunteered to be on the committee. The committee suggested we contact the Women's Service Club to seek other members.

Ron asked what name to use to file our organization with the state. The committee decided to use Elgin 2010. The committee also named the City of Elgin as beneficiary of the entity if it should cease to exist. Joe, Mary Rose, and Kevin were identified as officers and Ron or Ray would be the registered agent.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 20, 1995. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM

Respectfully submitted, Kevin Cooper